

## LETTER TO COLUMBIA MAN FROM PERSHING

Congratulates Historical Society Secretary on His Magazine Article.

### PASSED BY CENSOR

Parts of a Sketch of His Life Overdrawn, He Fears.

Floyd C. Shoemaker, secretary of the State Historical Society, recently wrote a sketch of General John J. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, which was published in the Missouri Historical Review, edited by Mr. Shoemaker. Mr. Shoemaker sent a copy of the Review to General Pershing and has just received this letter in reply:

"My Dear Shoemaker:  
"I have read your sketch in the April-July number of the Missouri Historical Review with a great deal of interest. Parts of it are rather overdrawn, I fear, and some of the stories are of doubtful origin. I appreciate, however, the intention, as, in the main, the historical part is about correct. As to my Alsatian ancestry, I shall have to defer answer until I can communicate with some of my relatives in the states. I have not the facts at hand just now.

"I congratulate you on the excellent magazine you are turning out. It should be the pride of every Missourian."

The envelope shows that General Pershing does not keep his letters from going through the censor's hands. It bears the stamp, "Passed as Censored," signed by J. S. Collins.

## OFFER TO FIRE CHIEF

Cape Girardeau Will Try to Take Earl Kurtz from Columbia.

Columbia may lose its fire chief. Chief Kurtz said this afternoon that he had not yet received any offer from Cape Girardeau, and that if he did it would be nothing out of the ordinary, as he had received several offers within the last three months.

The office of fire chief here pays \$100 a month. Chief Kurtz said that he had learned through the fire journals that the Cape Girardeau chief received only \$60 or \$70 a month.

When asked how much an office would have to pay to get his services, he said it would have to be well over \$100 a month, as he had had several offers of that amount and had not accepted them because of interests he had here.

### NEW ARMOR INVENTED

Device May Serve as Defense Against Aerial Bombs.

By Associated Press  
THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Sept. 12.—The Dutch General Staff, as well as one or two foreign military attaches, are evincing considerable interest in a new armor material devised by an inventor here.

Broadly stated the principle on which it is based is that of distributing the pressure of projectiles and explosives as rapidly as possible with the aid of a particular material specially fitted for that task. The armor consists of a system of double plates with more or less space between them according to the nature of the projectiles it is intended to serve against. Such space is filled with a material which is very similar to sand, but is of extremely fine grain and at the same time extraordinarily hard. It further possesses a high specific gravity, easily absorbs heat and has a high melting point, so that the separate grains do not change their form even at high temperatures. It is likewise in a great measure resistant to the operation of acids.

Superficially regarded, the device shows considerable similarity to the existing armor-plate system, whereby a filling of sand is introduced between two solid plates with the object of smothering the projectile in its course and thus rendering it innocuous; but demonstrations are said to have clearly shown a difference. The inventor expects a great deal of his new protective armor as a defense against aerial bomb attacks, believing that it will prove capable of resisting the biggest projectiles.

### WHEAT YIELD BEATS 1916

This Year 6 1-2 Bushels More to the Acre Were Grown.

In spite of the adverse fall and winter weather conditions to the 1917 Missouri wheat crop, the threshing records show that the acre yield is 6½ bushels more than it was in 1916. The wheat is not all threshed, but the records indicate a yield of 14.8 bushels per acre, while the 1916 acre yield was 8.3 bushels.

The hessian fly is also under control due, first, to the co-operative efforts of farmers to control the pest last fall and, second, to the dry weather at seeding time, which kept the early sown wheat from starting growth until after the fly-free date.

Why not keep the hessian fly under control if the yield of wheat can be increased at the same time? This can be done, says T. J. Talbert of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, by making a little better seedbed, by destroying volunteer wheat and by seeding as near the fly-free date as practical.

The use of commercial fertilizer or barnyard manure will make stronger and healthier plants which are better able to stand an attack of the fly. With the hessian fly under control and the chinch bug abundant only in a few sections of the state the prospect for an increased yield of wheat in 1918 is good.

### To Sell Barrel of Books at Auction.

A barrel of books belonging to E. J. Rosenberg of 410 South Ninth street and a graduate student in the University, will be sold at an auction by Constable Fred Brown at the front of the Courthouse September 22 as the result of judgement of \$40 obtained by the Whittle and Hockaday Coal Company in the court of J. S. Bicknell, justice of the peace. Rosenberg received his A. B. degree from the University of Michigan. His home is in Omaha, Neb.

### War Hits Michigan Football Team.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Sept. 12.—Less than one half of the prospective candidates for the University of Michigan 1917 football eleven will report for practice late in September. The other warriors are serving their country. A call for gridiron volunteers has been sounded and it is considered certain that the ordinary player will have the chance of his life to win an "M" this year.

## AIR VICTORY DEPENDS ON THIS NEW MOTOR

Secretary Baker Tells of Thrilling Chapter In Inventive Records.

### A LIBERTY ENGINE

Final Test Passed and It Is Pronounced a Complete Success.

By Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—The "liberty motor," the airplane engine upon which the United States is arranging to establish definite air supremacy over the Germans in France, has passed its final test and is a complete success, Secretary Baker announced today.

In a 1,500-word announcement Secretary Baker told how all the best brains and business of American motordom had contributed to produce the "liberty motor" to carry thousands of American airplanes over the German lines.

Probably the war has produced no greater achievement, the statement declared, and then relates for the first time the story of the design and construction of the new motor which has added a thrilling chapter to American inventive records.

Secretary Baker said the motor is now the main reliance of the United States in the rapid production of large numbers of highpowered battleplanes for service in the war.

### FIND WHISKY IN BIBLES

Bootleggers in Oklahoma Are Resourceful Now.

By Associated Press  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 12.—The resourcefulness of the Oklahoma bootlegger since the advent of the "bone dry" law, is taxing the ingenuity of officers in effecting his capture, while, with prices soaring to \$8 per quart and \$2.50 a half pint hundreds of these wary ones continue to ply their trade, unmindful of the scores who nightly come within the clutches of the law.

Before the "bone dry" law became effective, ordinary "bootleg" whisky retailed as high as \$4 per quart, the average price for a half pint ranging

from 75 cents to \$1. Sale of the forbidden beverage could then be conducted more openly, since the penalty for possession was not so great. Under present conditions any article of furniture in a house may serve as a hiding place for a half pint or in some instances only a drink of "John Barleycorn." The latest "find" of the local police was enclosed in a statue of an angel with an open Bible in its hands. Picture frames, hollow tile in fireplaces, wall clocks and even Bibles—a hole cut through the pages—have yielded their share of the fiery liquid.

One wary 'legger, bolder than the rest, would invite his customer into the darkness of an alleyway, produce a small tube connected with a syringe secreted in his coat and pour therefrom a small drink for the price of 50 cents. Bootlegging as a "system," however, is still conducted along general lines. Since whisky no longer can be shipped into the state, the wholesaler has sought not another source, but another means of transportation. The automobile serves his purpose well. The chauffeur for his trip from local headquarters across the state line to Texas and his dash back home receives \$50 to \$100. If his car and its cargo fall into the hands of officers, both are confiscated and a charge of "transporting" is lodged against the driver.

### CITY AND CAMPUS

Miss Louise Erickson of Boston left this afternoon for Kansas City to visit relatives.

Mrs. L. E. Rollins of Mexico arrived today to visit Miss Grace Forbis.

Mrs. Bert Frazier arrived this afternoon to visit her mother, Mrs. Mary Fisher.

Miss Grace Forbis returned today after visiting friends at Paris, Mo.

Lawson Sappington returned to Centralia this afternoon.

Mrs. Ernest Kimbrough arrived today from Hardin to be the guest of Mrs. Sally Boswell.

Mrs. J. H. Jenkins went to New Florence today to visit relatives.

Miss Josephine Ruch returned to her home in Tulsa, Okla., this afternoon after visiting here.

### Browns Lose Money This Year.

By Associated Press  
ST. LOUIS, Sept. 12.—The St. Louis Americans, during the season of 1916, made a profit of about \$25,000. The loss of the club during the current season is expected to equal that figure, making an "even break" on the two years. Phil Ball, chief owner of the club, whose ambition it has been to give St. Louis a winning team, has spent about \$600,000 in baseball since he first invested in the St. Louis Federals. This sum of course includes his losses. He said he will stay in the game, however, and already he has spent \$27,000 for new players for next year. Among the new players whom the St. Louis club has obtained are Kenneth Williams, Pacific coast star; Earl Smith, star hitter of the Western League, and Grover Lowdermilk, one of the best pitchers in the American Association.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincerest appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and for the beautiful floral offerings, during our recent bereavement in the loss of our loved one. May you all have such help in hours of sorrow.

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